Dua Adilah

And the term "`Adilah" at the moment of death means to lapse or to convert one's belief from the truth towards the falsehood. Satan attends near the dying person tempting him to make him doubtful about his religion so that he makes him faithless; and that is why it has been instructed to seek refuge from it. In this regard Fakhr al-Muhaqqiqin has written, "Whoever wishes to save himself from `Adilah should recall the evidences of the faith and its five principles with their unquestionable proofs and with the purity of interior, and should trust it to Allah so that Allah, the Exalted would give it back to him at the death time. So, after recalling the true beliefs, one should recite:


اللَّهُمَّ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ إِنِّي قَدْ أَوْدَعْتُكَ يَقِينِي هٰذَا وَ ثَبَاتَ دِينِي

O Allah, the most Merciful of the Merciful, I pray for true belief, and for steady and permanent faith.

وَ أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مُسْتَوْدَعٍ وَ قَدْ أَمَرْتَنَا بِحِفْظِ الْوَدَائِعِ فَرُدَّهُ عَلَيَّ وَقْتَ حُضُورِ مَوْتِي

Thou art the best responder to requests We have been commanded to honor entrusted deposits, so render my account at the time of death.

The following is Dua Adilah;

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ وَ الْمَلاَئِكَةُ وَ أُولُوا الْعِلْمِ قَائِماً بِالْقِسْطِ

In the Name of Allah, the All-merciful, the All-compassionate Allah testifies that indeed there is no god but He. The angels and possessors of wisdom justly declare that

لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلاَمُ

there is no god but He, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Verily the religion of Allah is Islam.

وَ أَنَا الْعَبْدُ الضَّعِيفُ الْمُذْنِبُ الْعَاصِي الْمُحْتَاجُ الْحَقِيرُ

I, a feeble servant, sinful, guilty, insignificant, needy, destitute,

أَشْهَدُ لِمُنْعِمِي وَ خَالِقِي وَ رَازِقِي وَ مُكْرِمِي كَمَا شَهِدَ لِذَاتِهِ وَ شَهِدَتْ لَهُ الْمَلاَئِكَةُ

am a witness of my Benefactor, My Creator, my Sustainer, and my liberal Patron, just as He Himself testifies and as do the Angels

وَ أُولُوا الْعِلْمِ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ بِأَنَّهُ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ ذُو النِّعَمِ وَ الْإِحْسَانِ وَ الْكَرَمِ وَ الِامْتِنَانِ

and the possessors of wisdom, His servants, that verily There is no Allah but He, possessor of bounties and favors, generosity and blessings,

قَادِرٌ أَزَلِيٌّ عَالِمٌ أَبَدِيٌّ حَيٌّ أَحَدِيٌّ مَوْجُودٌ سَرْمَدِيٌّ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ مُرِيدٌ كَارِهٌ مُدْرِكٌ صَمَدِيٌّ

Almighty, Ever-Lasting, Knowing, Eternal, Ever-Living, One, Ever-Existent, without beginning or end, Hearing, Seeing, Willing, Discriminating, Aware, Independent.

يَسْتَحِقُّ هَذِهِ الصِّفَاتِ وَهُوَ عَلَى مَا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ فِي عِزِّ صِفَاتِهِ

Worthy is He of all these attributes, yet His is the very highest degree of His attributes:

كَانَ قَوِيّاً قَبْلَ وُجُودِ الْقُدْرَةِ وَالْقُوَّةِ وَكَانَ عَلِيماً قَبْلَ إِيجَادِ الْعِلْمِ وَالْعِلَّةِ

He was All-Powerful prior to the existence of might and power. He was All-Knowing before the origination of knowledge and reason.

لَمْ يَزَلْ سُلْطَاناً إِذْ لَا مَمْلَكَةَ وَلَا مَالَ وَلَمْ يَزَلْ سُبْحَاناً عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْأَحْوَالِ

He does not cease to be Absolutely Sovereign if there is no kingdom or possession. He remains Glorious under all circumstances.

وُجُودُهُ قَبْلَ الْقَبْلِ فِي أَزَلِ الْآزَالِ وَبَقَاؤُهُ بَعْدَ الْبَعْدِ مِنْ غَيْرِ انْتِقَالٍ وَلَا زَوَالٍ

His Being is before all precedence in the pre-eternity of sempiternity. His Remaining will be after all endings without any extinction or disappearance.



He is self-Sufficient at the beginning and at the end, Independent in what concealed and what is apparent

لاَ جَوْرَ فِي قَضِيَّتِهِ وَ لاَ مَيْلَ فِي مَشِيَّتِهِ وَ لاَ ظُلْمَ فِي تَقْدِيرِهِ

There is no injustice in His Judgment, no unfairness in His Management, no oppression in His Administration,

وَ لاَ مَهْرَبَ مِنْ حُكُومَتِهِ وَ لاَ مَلْجَأَ مِنْ سَطَوَاتِهِ وَ لاَ مَنْجَى مِنْ نَقِمَاتِهِ سَبَقَتْ رَحْمَتُهُ غَضَبَهُ وَ لاَ يَفُوتُهُ أَحَدٌ إِذَا طَلَبَهُ

no escaping His Sovereignty, no running away from His Firm Grip, no avoiding to His punishment. His mercy overtakes His Wrath. He allows no one to be absent when summoned by Him,

أَزَاحَ الْعِلَلَ فِي التَّكْلِيفِ وَ سَوَّى التَّوْفِيقَ بَيْنَ الضَّعِيفِ وَ الشَّرِيفِ مَكَّنَ أَدَاءَ الْمَأْمُورِ

but makes allowance on account of illness or genuine difficulties. He leaves the door open for the weak and the noble to fall into line, gives the capacity to observe His commandments

وَ سَهَّلَ سَبِيلَ اجْتِنَابِ الْمَحْظُورِ لَمْ يُكَلِّفِ الطَّاعَةَ إِلاَّ دُونَ الْوُسْعِ وَ الطَّاقَةِ

and makes easy the means and ways of abstaining from forbidden conduct. He does not make obedience a burden, but according to one's real capacity

سُبْحَانَهُ مَا أَبْيَنَ كَرَمَهُ وَ أَعْلَى شَأْنَهُ سُبْحَانَهُ مَا أَجَلَّ نَيْلَهُ وَ أَعْظَمَ إِحْسَانَهُ

He is Unique and Single in His Glory, Most Distinct in His Generosity, and Glorious in His Dignity and Glory, Most magnificent are His gifts, and His favors are surely countless.

بَعَثَ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لِيُبَيِّنَ عَدْلَهُ وَ نَصَبَ الْأَوْصِيَاءَ لِيُظْهِرَ طَوْلَهُ وَ فَضْلَهُ

He sent down prophets to elaborate His Justice, appointed legatees to make known His Power and Generosity,

وَ جَعَلَنَا مِنْ أُمَّةِ سَيِّدِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَ خَيْرِ الْأَوْلِيَاءِ وَ أَفْضَلِ الْأَصْفِيَاءِ

and put us among the community of the Seal of Prophets, the closest friend of Allah, the outstandingly pure,

وَ أَعْلَى الْأَزْكِيَاءِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَ سَلَّمَ

the exceptionally blameless, Muhammad, may Allah bless Him and His Progeny and grant Them peace.

آمَنَّا بِهِ وَ بِمَا دَعَانَا إِلَيْهِ وَ بِالْقُرْآنِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَهُ عَلَيْهِ

We believed in Him and in what He called us to, and We believed in the Holy Qur'an which He (Allah) revealed to Him,

وَ بِوَصِيِّهِ الَّذِي نَصَبَهُ يَوْمَ الْغَدِيرِ وَ أَشَارَ بِقَوْلِهِ هَذَا عَلِيٌّ إِلَيْهِ

and in His successor, Ali (asws), appointed by Him on the day of Ghadir, and distinguished by calling Him by name.

وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ الْأَئِمَّةَ الْأَبْرَارَ وَ الْخُلَفَاءَ الْأَخْيَارَ بَعْدَ الرَّسُولِ الْمُخْتَارِ عَلِيٌّ قَامِعُ الْكُفَّارِ

I testify that the pious Imams (asws) and the righteous successors, after the chosen Messenger are: Ali (asws), the subduer of kafirs (unbelievers),

وَمِنْ بَعْدِهِ سَيِّدُ أَوْلَادِهِ الْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ

after Him, His eldest son, al-Hasan (asws) ibn 'Ali (asws),

ثُمَّ أَخُوهُ السِّبْطُ التَّابِعُ لِمَرْضَاةِ اللَّهِ الْحُسَيْنُ ثُمَّ الْعَابِدُ عَلِيٌّ

thereafter the grandson of Him (Muhammad saw) with whom Allah was pleased, His (Imam Hasan asws) brother, al-Hussain (asws), then the Slave of Allah, Ali (Zainul Abideen) (asws),

ثُمَّ الْبَاقِرُ مُحَمَّدٌ ثُمَّ الصَّادِقُ جَعْفَرٌ ثُمَّ الْكَاظِمُ مُوسَى ثُمَّ الرِّضَا عَلِيٌّ

then the Plentiful ,Muhammad al-Baqir(asws), then, the Truthful Jafar as-Sadiq (asws) then, the Sagacious Musa al-Kazim (asws), then the Devoted Ali al-Reza (asws),

ثُمَّ التَّقِيُّ مُحَمَّدٌ ثُمَّ النَّقِيُّ عَلِيٌّ ثُمَّ الزَّكِيُّ الْعَسْكَرِيُّ الْحَسَنُ

then the Pious Muhammad al-Taqi (asws), then the Pure Ali al-Naqi (asws), then the Gatherer Hasan al-'Askari (asws),

ثُمَّ الْحُجَّةُ الْخَلَفُ الْقَائِمُ الْمُنْتَظَرُ الْمَهْدِيُّ الْمُرْجَى

then the decisive Hujjat (proof), the awaited saviour, the expected al Mahdi (atfs):

الَّذِي بِبَقَائِهِ بَقِيَتِ الدُّنْيَا وَبِيُمْنِهِ رُزِقَ الْوَرَى وَبِوُجُودِهِ ثَبَتَتِ الْأَرْضُ وَالسَّمَاءُ

whose living energy preserves the world, whose sanction conserves the means of livelihood, whose existence makes firm and strong the heavens and the earth.

وَ بِهِ يَمْلَأُ اللَّهُ الْأَرْضَ قِسْطاً وَ عَدْلاً بَعْدَ مَا مُلِئَتْ ظُلْماً وَ جَوْراً

Through Him Allah will fill the earth with equity and justice, when it is overrun with tyranny and oppression.

وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ أَقْوَالَهُمْ حُجَّةٌ وَ امْتِثَالَهُمْ فَرِيضَةٌ وَ طَاعَتَهُمْ مَفْرُوضَةٌ

I bear witness that Their words are decisive proofs, to follow Their example is obligatory, to obey Them is compulsory,

وَ مَوَدَّتَهُمْ لَازِمَةٌ مَقْضِيَّةٌ وَ الِاقْتِدَاءَ بِهِمْ مُنْجِيَةٌ وَ مُخَالَفَتَهُمْ مُرْدِيَةٌ

to love Them is necessary and pre-ordained, to take after Them is sure salvation, to oppose Them is certain destruction.

وَ هُمْ سَادَاتُ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ أَجْمَعِينَ وَ شُفَعَاءُ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

They are the Masters of the people of paradise, effective helpers on the Day of Judgment,

وَ أَئِمَّةُ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ عَلَى الْيَقِينِ وَ أَفْضَلُ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ الْمَرْضِيِّينَ

the best guides for the mankind, surely the best approved successors.

وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ حَقٌّ وَ مُسَاءَلَةَ الْقَبْرِ حَقٌّ وَ الْبَعْثَ حَقٌّ

I testify that death is certain, interrogation by Munkar and Nakir in the grave is certain, the raising of the dead is certain,

وَ النُّشُورَ حَقٌّ وَ الصِّرَاطَ حَقٌّ وَ الْمِيزَانَ حَقٌّ وَ الْحِسَابَ حَقٌّ وَ الْكِتَابَ حَقٌّ

the Resurrection is true, the Sirat (bridge) is true, the Meezan (scale) is true, the Hasab (accountability) is true, the Kitab (Book) is true,

وَ الْجَنَّةَ حَقٌّ وَ النَّارَ حَقٌّ وَ أَنَّ السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ لاَ رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي الْقُبُورِ

Paradise is true, Hell is true, and certainly there is no doubt in the hour of resurrection. Verily, Allah shall raise the dead from their graves.

اللَّهُمَّ فَضْلُكَ رَجَائِي وَ كَرَمُكَ وَ رَحْمَتُكَ أَمَلِي

O Allah, I hope to receive Thy favor, Thy Generosity and Thy Mercy I hope for to attain paradise,

لاَ عَمَلَ لِي أَسْتَحِقُّ بِهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَ لاَ طَاعَةَ لِي أَسْتَوْجِبُ بِهَا الرِّضْوَانَ

for my conduct gives me no right to obtain Thy Favor as I have not been obedient,

إِلاَّ أَنِّي اعْتَقَدْتُ تَوْحِيدَكَ وَ عَدْلَكَ

except that I believe in Thy Oneness and Thy Justice.

وَ ارْتَجَيْتُ إِحْسَانَكَ وَ فَضْلَكَ وَ تَشَفَّعْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِالنَّبِيِّ وَ آلِهِ مِنْ أَحِبَّتِكَ وَ أَنْتَ أَكْرَمُ الْأَكْرَمِينَ وَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

I depend upon Thy favors and Thy generosity. Accommodate me for the sake of my Prophet (saw) and His Progeny (asws), the beloved. Thou art the Most Generous, and the Most Merciful.

وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَ سَلَّمَ تَسْلِيماً كَثِيراً كَثِيراً

Allah, bless the best creature, Muhammad (saw), and His pious and pure Progeny (asws) and give Them abundant peace!

وَ لاَ حَوْلَ وَ لاَ قُوَّةَ إِلاَّ بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

There is no authority and no might except with Allah, the High, the Great.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ إِنِّي أَوْدَعْتُكَ يَقِينِي هَذَا وَ ثَبَاتَ دِينِي وَ أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مُسْتَوْدَعٍ

O Allah, the most Merciful of the Merciful, I pray for true belief, and for steady and permanent faith. Thou art the best responder to requests

وَ قَدْ أَمَرْتَنَا بِحِفْظِ الْوَدَائِعِ فَرُدَّهُ عَلَيَّ وَقْتَ حُضُورِ مَوْتِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

We have been commanded to honor entrusted deposits, so render my account at the time of death, through Thy mercy, O the most Merciful of the merciful.

Author's note: The following du`a is among the du`as related from the Infallible Imams (asws):

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَدِيلَةِ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ

O Allah, I seek refuge with Thee from the counterweight in reckoning upon death.